NH-67, 45B and 7A. The list of works undertaken stretch-wise on the National Highway No. 45A and 210 is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) At present emphasis is being given for the improvement of the existing network of National Highways to bring them upto the National Highway Standard rather than declaration of the new National Highways.

Statement

Works on East Coast Road

SL. No.	NH No.	Stretch	Nature of work	Status
1.	45A	68/730-76/0	Improvement of Riding Quality	Completed during 2001-02
2.	45A	76/0-85/0	Strengthening	Completed during 2004-05
3.	45A	85/0-87/0	Strengthening	In progress
4.	45A	90/0-93/0	Strengthening	Completed during 2000-01
5.	45A	93/0-104/0	Strengthening	Completed during 2004-05
6.	45A	109/0-119/6	Strengthening	Completed during 2003-04
7.	45A	120/5-137/8	Widening	In progress
8.	45A	137/8-146/0	Improvement of Riding Quality	Completed during 2002-03
9.	45A	150/0-162/0	Widening	In progress
10.	45A	180/0-186/5	Widening	In progress
11.	45A	186/5-188/4	Improvement of Riding Quality	Completed during 2003-04
12.	45A	188/4-192/4	Widening	In progress
13.	45A	192/4-194/0	Improvement of Riding Quality	Completed during 2003-04
14.	210	162/8-177/4	Widening	Completed during 2004-05

Golden Quadrilateral Project

1019. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Golden Quadrilateral National Highway Project with a huge-investment of Rs. 54,000 crores was conceived by the previous Government and with a view to avoid malpractices and to speed up the project, it was monitored by the Prime Minister's Office;

(b) whether there is a slow-down of the project just because it was the pet scheme of the previous Government also whether there is a change in the monitoring mechanism and contractual arrangements of the previous Government; and

(c) whether transparency and honesty in tender deals and quality in execution would be ensured if so what means and devices would be evolved?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) The Golden Quadrilateral Project is a part of National Highways Development Project (Phase I & II) which was approved in principle by the Government in the year 2000 with estimated cost of Rs. 54,000 crores (at 1999 prices). The Prime Minister's Office monitors all important infrastructure projects including Golden Quadrilateral.

(b) No, Sir. There is no change in monitoring mechanism or contractual arrangements.

(c) Yes, Sir. Transparency and honesty in tenders is fully ensured. The work is awarded through a transparent, competitive bidding process. The tenders are evaluated as per laid down procedures. The quality of work is ensured through experienced supervision consultants. There is provision of fully equipped laboratory for testing of quality of construction under each contract. The quality audit of contracts are being done by reputed organisation such as Engineers India Limited and Central Road Research Institute.

Transfer of land for toll plaza

1020. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P.GOYAL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Haryana Government has backed out of its promise to transfer 21 acres land for toll plaza at Delhi-Gurgaon border;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for such move;

(c) whether it is a fact that NHAI has already started work on levelling the construction site; and

(d) if so, what are the step from Government to resolve the matter?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AID HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (d) The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has requested for 21 acres of land belonging to Haryana Tourism/